Subject No. 79.

Breach of Contract Act.

Messrs. Kuduvalli Hiranyappa, Nandi Basappa of Shimoga Taluk, Siddalinga Mari Devaru, T. Narsipur taluk, and Sankaraih, Heggadadavankote.

Summary of discussion.—The Breach of Contract Act is in force with reference to coolies working in coffee plantations. It may be introduced generally throughout the State.

Reply of Government.—The Act is in force throughout the State, and is applicable to all contracts which fall within the description given therein.

Subject No. 80.

Introduction of a uniform system of weights and measures.

Messrs. Kudavalli Hiranyappa, Nandi Basapa, Shimoga Taluk, Chikka Ramanna and Bire Gowda Kolar, Nanjunda Setty of Krishnarajpete Taluk, M. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. Anantarajaiya, N. Srikantaiya, C. Krishnaiengar, Mysore City Municipality; C. Vasudev Rao and C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur, L. Kesavaiengar of Belur Taluk, A. Anniah Pandit, C. N. Krishnappa and Patel Basappa of Hiriyur Taluk, Linge Gowda, Nanjunda Setti and Madappa of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As previously prayed for, early steps may be taken for the introduction of a uniform system of weights and measures. Stamped *kolagas* and seers, similar to those designed in the Excise Department, may be supplied for the use of the public, and merchants interdicted from using other than standard measures.

Messrs. C. Vasudeva Rao and C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur, and Anantharajaiya, Lingegowda, Nanjundasetti and Madappa of Mysore wanted one uniform set of standard weights and measures to be introduced throughout the State. Mr. Annaiya Pandit said it would be enough if the seer was made certain as regards both weight and measure. Mr. Arunachala Sastri urged that local customs were difficult to change and that the local *kolagas* should not be interfered with. Messrs. Guru Rao, Srinivasa Josier and other members were also opposed to securing uniformity at the expense of local usages.

Reply of Government.—Uniformity throughout the State does not seem quite possible to attain at this stage. The present representations will be taken into consideration in connection with the Draft Regulation in connection with Weights and Measures already published in the *Mysore Gazette*.

Subject No. 81.

The functions of members of Minor Municipalities.

Messrs. Venkatakrishnaiya, M. Anantarajaiya, N. Srikantaiya, C. Krishnaiengar of Mysore City Municipality, and Krishna Rao of T. Narsipur.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The powers of a member of a minor Municipality have not been defined. The Municipal members are not afforded opportunities to look into Municipal correspondence, nor are they given opportunity to satisfy themselves whether an estimate has been properly prepared and whether the work has been executed conformably to the said estimate. They are only required to affix their signatures every month in the book of receipts and expenditure. A Regulation may be passed clearly defining the duties expected of Municipal members.

(*b*) A Regulation for the management of the minor Municipalities may be passed early.

(*c*) The Municipal and District Fund Regulations may be passed without delay.

Reply of Government.—A Draft Municipal Regulation is ready and will be published shortly in the *Mysore Gazette*. The Local Boards Regulation; awaits the sanction of the Government of India, and will soon become law.